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U.S. Foreign Policy Matured In Last 25 Years, Says Bundy

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 14—The last quarter-century has brought steady gains in American maturity in global affairs, presidential adviser McGeorge Bundy said today.

In a broad, philosophical speech, Bundy said that, since the break with isolationism 25 years ago, the United States has displayed increasing capacity to cope with her own power and a growing concern for the interests of others.

Bundy, who had defended Administration foreign policy in a debate oMnday with fac-

ulty and student critics, took the broader approach in delivering the annual oration of Harvard's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Bundy twice referred to the Administration's foreign policy quarrel with some educators and students. He said "recent discussions" had been far less bitter and intense than the pre-World War II campus disputes or the postwar debates over the world role of communism.

A band of chapter members critical of United States foreign policy had protested the honor accorded Bundy.

But Associate Dean Reginald H. Phelps told the meeting that "there never has been a political test" for the chapter's Phi Beta Kappa orators, who have included William Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Bundy, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Yale in 1940 and former dean of Harvard's arts and sciences faculty, said the Nation had learned that "single solutions" to world problems were self-defeating. He said that exercise of national power, the building of peaceful institutions, concern for the well-being of others and the fight against communism must be pursued together rather than singly.

Among the single solutions which proved inadequate Bundy listed the all-or-nothing faith of many persons in the United Nations in the mid-Forties, reliance on aid programs as cure-alls for world ills and the McCarthyist brand of anti-communism.